GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF PONDS UNDER NREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented any scheme in Jharkhand to construct ponds under National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS);

(b) if so, the amount allocated for this purpose so far;

(c) the likely benefit to the farmers as a result thereof;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to make this scheme successful; and

(e) the success achieved in this regard, if any?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) to (d) Water conservation and water harvesting have highest priority under National Rural Employment Guarantee Act(NREGA) and as such construction of ponds is a permissible activity under NREGA. However, no funds are allocated by the Central Government for any specific project. The district is released funds keeping in view the requirement as per demand for work and utilization of available resources. The works to be taken up are decided at the local level, in accordance with the Act and operational guidelines.

(e) As per the reports available from the state of Jharkhand 5405 works relating to water conservation & water harvesting have been completed and 10986 are in progress in 2006- 07.